Washington, **DC** – U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced this week that the Military Spouse Education program – suspended in February – has been reinstated. Spouses of service members wanting assistance to pursue training and education will once again be able to access federal funding.

"The Military Spouse Education program is an important benefit for military families and reinstating program benefits was the right call," said Congressman Rodriguez, a champion of veterans and their families. "As a nation, we provide for the needs of service members on and off the field, but we cannot forget to support the families who support them back home."

The Department of Defense announced that benefits have resumed for the 136,583 spouses nationwide who were already approved for the program but whose benefits ceased last month. In the coming weeks, a proposal is expected to fully reinstate the program for all military spouses.

The Military Spouse Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) program provides up to \$6,000 in financial assistance for military spouses pursuing licenses, certificates, credentials or degree programs. The program pays for tuition, coursework and licensing and certification, but does not fund electronic devices (such as computers), books, entrance exams and other items.

For more information on the program, visit www.militaryonesource.com. Congressman Rodriguez has advocated for programs to provide benefits and support to the military and their families. He sponsored the EARNED Act, which would allow service members to pass on their unused education benefits to their dependents, and fought to open three new clinics to serve veterans in the 23

Congressional District.